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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 25, 2003

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00212

For exemption from
physical collocation of
its Skyline remote office

ORDER ACCEPTING WITHDRAWAL OF EXEMPTION REQUEST

On November 4, 2002, Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting an exemption from the requirements of § 251(c)(6) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide physical collocation in its Skyline remote office. On November 14, 2002, the Commission issued an Order permitting interested parties to file comments on Verizon South's exemption request.

On January 16, 2003, the Division of Communications ("Staff") filed its report recommending that the Commission deny Verizon South's application. On January 27, 2003, Verizon South filed its Reply Comments. On February 7, 2003, the Staff filed a Motion For Leave to File a Reply. The Commission granted Staff's motion on February 14, 2003, requiring that the Staff file its reply by February 20, 2003, and granting Verizon South

the opportunity to respond by February 27, 2003. Staff filed its reply on February 20, 2003.

On February 25, 2003, Verizon South filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to Staff's Reply Comments, asking for an additional seven days to file its response. On February 27, 2003, the Commission granted Verizon South's request for extension of time.

On March 6, 2003, Verizon South filed a Withdrawal of Exemption Request in this matter.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the withdrawal, finds that it should be accepted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon South's request for exemption from physical collocation for its Skyline remote office is hereby withdrawn.

(2) Because Verizon South's request for exemption from physical collocation at its Skyline remote office apparently followed the denial of a competitive local exchange carrier's request for physical collocation – in this case, NTELOS Network, Inc. ("NTELOS") – we require that Verizon South and NTELOS report to the Commission's Division of Communications within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order on efforts to fulfil NTELOS's request for physical collocation or other resolution of this matter.